

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring again to Figure 5, the main body 30 includes front and back sides 44, 46 that are generally perpendicular to the main axis 32 and that extend from the left end 34 to the right end 36 of the main body 30. As shown in Figure 6, the front side 44 of the implement 20 defines a claw-blade 48 defined by a front blade 50 that projects vertically downwardly from a top wall 52 of the main body 30. The top wall 52 and the front blade 50 cooperate to define a cavity 54 for holding soil or other material excavated by a back side 50B of the front blade 50 when the excavation blade 20 is moved in a direction indicated by arrow ~~54~~154. When the excavation blade 20 is moved in a direction indicated by arrow ~~56~~156, a front face 50F of the front blade 50 can be used to push material in a manner similar to a conventional plow blade.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

The end blades 38 and the back side 46 of the main body 30 cooperate to define a volume 70 for holding material (e.g., aggregate, base coarse, asphalt) when the excavation implement 20 is moved in the direction indicated by arrow ~~54~~154. When the excavation implement 20 is moved in the direction ~~54~~154, the rear blade assists in scraping material into the volume 70, while the end blades 38 assist in preventing the material from inadvertently exiting the volume 70. It will be appreciated that the blades 38 are also useful in performing functions such as edging.